

Article Round up

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ECONOMICS & TRADE

1. The Global Crisis and the Future of the Dollar: Toward Bretton Woods III?

Jorg Bibow. Levy Economics Institute of Bard College Working Paper No. 584, February 2010, 20 pages.

The author, a professor of economics at Skidmore College, examines the role of the U.S. dollar as the international currency of choice, and looks at the part it played as a key contributing factor to critical global developments that led to the economic crisis of 2007–2009. The article also discusses the future role of the U.S. dollar.

2. How a New Jobless Era Will Transform America

Don Peck. The Atlantic, March 2010, 13 pages.

The Great Recession may be over, but this era of high joblessness is probably just beginning, opines the author, a deputy managing editor of The Atlantic. The article presents the long-term effects of the 2008-2009 U.S. economic recession on U.S. social structures, including youth culture and psychology, family structures, and gender roles.

3. Climate Shocks and Exports

Benjamin F. Jones and Benjamin A. Olken. National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 15711, January 2010, 12 pages.

Analyzing international trade data, the authors examine the effects of climate change on economic activity worldwide, focusing on exports. Panel models relating the annual growth rate of a country's exports in particular product categories to the country's weather that year are also discussed.

4. The Transformation of World Trade

Uri Dadush and Shimelse Ali. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Policy Outlook, February 2010, 20 pages.

The authors look at how the growing economic weight of developing countries will transform world trade, and examine how the transformation of world trade over the next 40 years will present new challenges and opportunities for countries at every level of development.

5. Globalization: Curse or Cure?

Jagadeesh Gokhale. Policy Analysis #659, February 1, 2010, 24 pages.

How will competition for resources, employment, and growth shape economic policies among developed nations as they attempt to balance productivity growth, social protections, and extensive political and cultural freedoms? The author, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, examines the impact of economic globalization and offers policy recommendations for developed nations to reduce globalization's negative effects.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

6. Powerplay: Origins of the U.S. Alliance System in Asia

Victor D. Cha. *International Security*, Winter 2009/10, 39 pages.

Why did the United States pursue a network of bilateral alliances in East Asia following the end of World War II rather than the multilateral security alliances it preferred in Europe, Southeast Asia, and the South Pacific? Using the "power play" theory, the author examines U.S. strategy in Asia at the end of World War II.

6. The New Schizophrenia: Asia between Integration and Isolation

Joshua Kurlantzick. *Current History*, January 2010, 7 pages.

The author, a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, discusses trends towards cultural, economic and political cooperation among Asian nations, as well as looking at rising nationalist sentiment in the region.

7. Obama's Next Three Years

John R. Bolton. *Commentary*, January 2010, 5 pages.

Where is Barack Obama's foreign policy headed? The author, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, discusses the face of U.S. President Barack Obama's foreign policy over the next three years. The article analyzes three policy areas that will allow Obama to showcase core characteristics of his worldview.

SOCIAL ISSUES AND GOVERNANCE

8. Are There Universal Collective Rights?

Miodrag A. Jovanovic. *Human Rights Review*, January 2010, 28 pages.

The author examines the current debate over the universality of human rights and collective rights, looking at the problems inherent in both concepts. The article differentiates the three main collective entities in international law — peoples, minorities, and indigenous peoples — and discusses the question as to whether certain rights vested in these collectives might acquire the status of "universal rights".

9. Peace in the Twenty-First Century?

Bruce Russett. *Current History*, January 2010, 6 pages.

Since the end of World War II, we have seen in downward trend in deaths due to international conflict. What are the key factors that contribute to peace? The author, a professor of International Relations at Yale University, discusses trends in global security at the beginning of 2010.

10. Empty Promises?

Kenneth Roth, *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2010, 7 pages.

U.S. President Barack Obama has been vocal in promoting a human rights agenda while reversing many of his predecessor's worst policies in this area. Now, his administration must translate his rhetoric into practice by prosecuting torturers, granting fair trials to detainees, and pressuring foreign leaders – both adversaries and allies – to respect the rights of their countries' citizens.

GLOBAL ISSUES

11. Lords of Water

Jeff Conant, *E-the Environmental Magazine*, March/April, page 23-24.

Last year's World Water Forum, held in Istanbul, Turkey, was supposed to help ensure water security around the globe. That didn't happen. This article underscores the plight of developing countries whose people have little control over their own freshwater supplies and are at the mercy of water policies.

12. Water and Climate Change

Mike Muller, *America.gov*. 5 pages.

According to this author, the world will experience climate change through its effects on water.

13. Clean Energy Markets: Jobs and Opportunities

Pew Center on Global Climate Change, February 2010, 18 pages.

The paper discusses how investment in clean energy technologies will generate economic growth and create new jobs in the United States and around the globe. The article also discusses the state of the emerging clean energy technology market and how other countries are taking action.

14. The New Energy Order

David G. Victor and Linda Yueh. *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2010, 13 pages.

The authors examine the big shifts in the world energy system as growing demands for energy in developing countries and calls for greener energy worldwide are putting unprecedented pressure on the global energy system. The article discusses need for a new mechanism and how to best manage a more secure energy system.

15. Greenwashing Hydropower

Aviva Imhof and Guy Lanza. *World Watch*, January/February 2010, 7 pages.

The authors discuss the impacts of big-dam construction on environmental resources. The article presents ideas that offer increased efficiency; new energy sources; low impact, non-dam hydropower; and other less destructive solutions to meet electrification needs.

16. Facing Extinction: 9 Steps to Save Biodiversity

Joe Roman, et al. *Solutions*, January/February 2010, 18 pages.

Four distinguished scholars and experts discuss the responsibility of conservationists in defending and restoring ecosystems in a world where biodiversity is increasingly compromised by climate change and human activity. The article also offers nine ways to reduce biodiversity loss.

AMERICAN SOCIETY AND VALUES

17. The Distribution Revolution

Bret Schulte. *American Journalism Review*, December/January 2010, 4 pages.

The author, an assistant professor of journalism at the University of Arkansas, discusses how news organizations are intensifying their use of social networking tools, like Twitter and Facebook, to circulate stories and connect with communities.

18. Politicians Get Their Clicks

Andy Williamson. *The World Today*, February 2010, 3 pages.

The author, director of the Hansard Society's Digital Democracy Programme, examines the use of the Internet in political campaigning. The article also discusses political blogging and political journalism.

19. The Future of the Internet

Janna Quitney Anderson and Lee Rainie. *Pew Internet & American Life Project*, February 19, 2010, 48 pages.

This survey examines the future of the Internet-connected world over the next 10 years, and likely innovations. It focuses on eliciting observations on the likely impact and influence of the Internet.

20. The Day Search Stood Still

Will Sexton. *Computers in Libraries*, January 2010, 5 pages.

The author, an applications analyst at Duke University Libraries, discusses what may happen to libraries in the age of the Google Book Search Settlement Agreement and Web 2.0.

21. In Front of (e)Readers

Josh Hadro. *Library Journal*, February 15, 2010, 4 pages.

The author, *Library Journal*'s associate technology editor, explores new electronic gadgets that could prove useful to libraries, including e-book readers, such as Copia and Blio, which feature more content than print books.

22. Literary Learning in the Hyperdigital Age

Mark Bauerlein. *The Futurist*, January/February 2010, 2 pages.

Will the modern era of learning change the way teachers teach? Will papers, pens and pencils be replaced by learning interfaces and other gadgets? The author, a professor of English at Emory University, looks at the educational forecast regarding literary learning in the hyper-digital age in the United States.

23. Higher Education Migrates to YouTube and Social Networks

Marilyn Gilroy. *The Education Digest*, March 2010, 5 pages.

The author, a teacher at Bergen Community College in Paramus, New Jersey, discusses how the creation of YouTubeEDU, the education section on the video-sharing website YouTube, is changing higher education in the United States.

24. Effective Practices for Developing Reading Comprehension

Nell K. Duke and P. David Pearson. *Journal of Education*, 2008/2009, 16 pages.

The authors discuss reading comprehension and the future of the field, focusing on ways to build a comprehensive curriculum and instructional techniques for helping students acquire productive comprehension skills and strategies.

25. 10 Ideas for the next ten years

Annual special issue by *TIME*, page 39-47.

The teenage years of this millennium will be a period of radical change. With that in mind, *TIME* presents a thinkers' guide to the new decade: 10 trends that are reshaping the world.

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